



# You say you're soldiers, dancing for the only cause



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**MOOD:** 🌀 still restless

**MUSIC:** Ruthie Foster - Fruits of My Labor

Monday night is a *rotten* time to have a go-out-dancing jones.

I neeeded to go dancing, because Memorial Day weekend is not coming soon enough.

Even the most acousticful show usually has something you can dance to. And other people in attendance who like to dance. And sometimes, because it's not a date or anything, it's just a *dance*, I get up my nerve and ask a girl to dance.

After that sometimes the girls ask *me*. Knowing how to dance can be unexpectedly rewarding. \*g\*

I don't think I can hold out that long, but I would like to mention that Drive-By Truckers are at the 9:30 Club this weekend.

And next year I should totally go to this  
(<https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A/www.nojazzfest.com/>) if I want to dance.

(Yes, I'm on an AmericanaRootsMusic kick. Whatever we call it. Just revving up for vacation. \*g\*)



[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

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39 comments



 [dremiel](#)

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You know what's worse than not having a place to go dancing on Monday? It's going to see imminently danceable musicians in a theater. Sigh. I'll be the crazy girl dancing in the back of the Paramount tomorrow at the Joe Ely, Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Guy Clark show.

\*is a little envious of the Drive By Truckers opportunity\*

p.s. Elvis, spawn of Eddie produced extremely wonderful Sourdough English Muffins but as there were several eleven year olds in the house (and a 44 year old marathoner) I have no photographic evidence and will need to back another batch soon.



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If the ushers tell you to please return to your seat, I think that qualifies as cruel and unusual. That's like listening to Zydeco sitting down.

Go, Elvis! Oh yeah, must do the muffins again soon.



 [dedoc](#)

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"... zydeco sitting down..."

Isn't there something in the Bill of Rights forbidding that?

baffled at work, de Doc



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[May 6 2008, 17:20:09 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

I think you get struck by lightning.




 [Ometotchtli](#)

[May 5 2008, 23:42:16 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

I'll pass on the Truckers. I say Southern Fried is for chicken, baby. (Smart lyrics, too much twang.) Wonder if the Cowboy knows about 'em?

However, interim dancing could totally fit in my dayplanner.



 [trollcatz](#)

[May 5 2008, 23:45:45 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

Dude! It takes a lot of twang to overpower lyrics like this:

The night the practice room caught fire  
there were rumors of a dragon headed straight for Muscle Shoals  
"Stoner tries to save an amplifier"  
and it's like the dragon's side of the story is never told



[eljefe](#)

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Meh, they barely rate on the twang-o-meter. Rev Peyton's Big Damn Band on the other hand, maxes that sucker out.



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Now you tell me. They're in Charlottesville *right now*.

I could drive two hours to Richmond tomorrow night...



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[May 6 2008, 04:47:02 UTC](#)   [COLLAPSE](#)

Yeah, I did the same thing last week. Found out they were in the town I had just passed through 2 hours before. I *almost* turned around and went back. . .



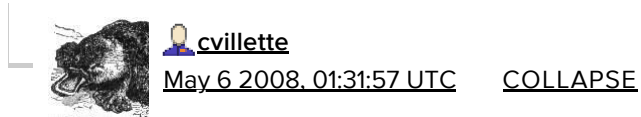
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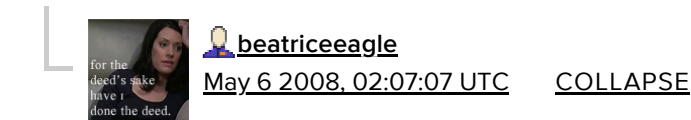
Awkward as I am at dancing, I have to admit that it is *so much fun* when you're in the mood for it.

And also that it sucks when you *can't* dance, when you're in the mood for it.

I wish you luck getting to the weekend...

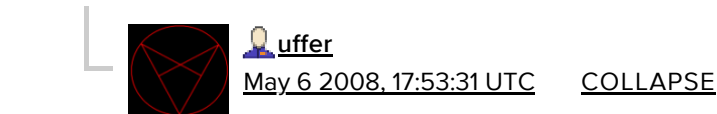


I will persevere! Monday is just so very *Monday*. You'd think places would try extra hard to have happy things on Monday nights, just to console us...



For monetary reasons, at the very least. Think of the money to be made by a place that tailored its events to Monday night schedules.

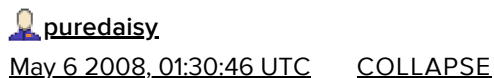
I think Mondays need an amputation. They should be about half as long as they currently are.



It's Tuesdays for me. Mentally speaking, Tuesday is about as far from a weekend as I can possibly get.

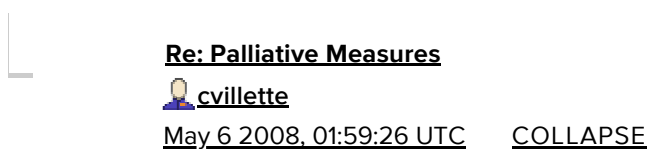
What?!? Nobody said it had to make sense...

#### Palliative Measures




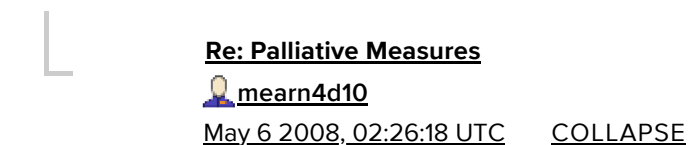
Dancing with other happy dancing people is lots of fun, and should be done often and with joy. But don't discount the joy to be found in turning the music up and dancing in your living room.

Close the curtains and turn the music up loud.



That's very true.

I dance when I'm cooking,  [trollicatz](#) says; I cook to music, anyway. But waltzing and swing and two-step kind of things call for a little company. \*g\*



Ideally.

I really should dust all the cobwebs off of my meager dance skills and see if I can't entice a SOMEBODY to go dancing with me. I really really should.



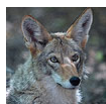
**Re: Palliative Measures**

 **inaurolillium**

May 6 2008, 09:16:27 UTC    COLLAPSE

I would kitchen-dance you you any day, honey.

I was recently informed that a friend of my father's, whom I have never met, wants to cook with me. It felt a bit ... personal, coming from a stranger.



**Re: Palliative Measures**

 **cvillette**

May 6 2008, 11:45:12 UTC    COLLAPSE

It is the sort of thing where you'd want to be acquainted first, isn't it? At least casually.

*Deleted comment*



**Re: Palliative Measures**

 **dremiel**

May 6 2008, 17:22:24 UTC    COLLAPSE

That would be a delightful podcast!



 **desultorie**

May 6 2008, 02:32:39 UTC    COLLAPSE

Tucson has excellent Monday night dancing.



 **cvillette**

May 6 2008, 02:46:15 UTC    COLLAPSE

Maybe it's the government influence. We're all supposed to be worn out with meetings. With senators. Or something.



 **desultorie**

May 6 2008, 05:15:44 UTC    COLLAPSE

For your American Roots & sanity: <http://www.swingoutdc.com/forum/mycalendar.php>



 **cvillette**


May 6 2008, 11:46:07 UTC    COLLAPSE

There goes my work productivity.

 **dichroic**

May 6 2008, 02:48:23 UTC    COLLAPSE

I know that NO stands for New Orleans. And I know that they have lots of kinds of music, not just jazz. (Thankfully. That "cool jazz" stuff bores me stupid.) But I still think it's funny that one of the most famous jazz festivals in the US is billing itself as the NOjazz festival, at least in its URL.

 [jennythe\\_reader](#)

[May 6 2008, 03:11:39 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I was wondering if you guys ever go to the 9:30 club. NPR records their show [All Songs Considered](#) there, and they always have great music. Even stuff that I would have thought wouldn't be my style turns out to be good.



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[May 6 2008, 11:46:34 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Yes!

 [jennythe\\_reader](#)

[May 6 2008, 20:32:19 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

The audience always sounds like it's having a blast. I'll have to check it out when/if I ever make it back to DC.

 [ageekgrrl](#)

[May 6 2008, 04:10:36 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I hope you don't mind random comments from strangers. I happened upon your LJ via a link from a friend and I've been following it for a bit. I'm slow on the uptake, so I really don't comment much anywhere.

I have a musical recommendation for you. For dancing or moving or jumping or bouncing, try Cowboy Mouth. They are great to see live, and demand audience participation. If you are up dancing with everyone, the lead singer will call you out. Its straight up party rock and roll. If I've had a bad day, I put their "All You Need is Live" cd in for the drive and it picks me up. Lotsa luck finding places to dance between now and Memorial Day!

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[May 6 2008, 11:52:20 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Oh, thanks! Dancing = vital part of my cognitive process.

 [ageekgrrl](#)

[May 7 2008, 01:55:29 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Cool! Gotta move with it!


I attended a seminar on entertaining and using music with what you do. Even though this was almost 10 years ago, the gist of the session is still in my brain. It was pretty interesting because from what the instructor said, most people react instinctively to music. If you put bouncy music on, people of all ages (toddlers and up) will move and keep time to it and let it affect their demeanor.

 [ageekgrrl](#)

May 7 2008, 01:39:53 UTC    COLLAPSE

Phooey, it was supposed to read "If you areN'T up dancing with everyone, the lead singer will call you out."  
Doh! Totally changes the meaning of what I said. If I only had a brain. facepalm.



 [inaurolillium](#)

May 6 2008, 09:18:02 UTC    COLLAPSE

I, too, need more fun things to do on Mondays. Of course, I have Monday nights off.  
But right now, about the most fun thing I get to do on Mondays is take the dog to his swimming lessons.

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May 6 2008, 11:53:14 UTC    COLLAPSE

*the most fun thing I get to do on Mondays is take the dog to his swimming lessons.*

...okay, for you I can play the straight man.

"YMCA, or Red Cross?"



 [inaurolillium](#)

May 6 2008, 21:05:35 UTC    COLLAPSE

Alas, I am not a good enough humorist to come up with a punchline. I thought there might be something in a reference to red crosses appearing on the barrels that cartoon St Bernards wear (and which, actually, you can [buy](#)), but no, it's too much of a stretch and I can't make it work.

Nope, I really do take my dog to swimming lessons. Uther is a Lab/Newfoundland mix, and when he's a bit older, I want to train him as a water rescue dog. He's a bit young for that training, but I can get him used to the water. But spring isn't cooperating with my ambitions to take him to the local dog park that's on the water and teach him myself. It's too cold for me to be in the water. But there is a local doggie daycare that has a pool, trainers, and even an underwater treadmill, and I started him on lessons just recently. Right now, he's still getting used to the idea that water is a Fun Thing, but his second lesson was yesterday and he's learned to swim with his shoulders down so he doesn't splash so much. Now, if he'd just keep his shoulders down all the time...

Yeah, I know, I'm weird.



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May 6 2008, 21:07:34 UTC    COLLAPSE

Rescue dog! No, you're fabulous.



 [inaurolillium](#)

May 6 2008, 21:11:11 UTC    COLLAPSE

I don't think I've been called fabulous since I stopped hanging out with drag queens. Thanks!

 [charlottezweb](#)

May 6 2008, 12:40:54 UTC    COLLAPSE

"Mama ran off with a trucker" is now in my head for the rest of the day. of course since every time we watch Cars with my son when the big rig Lightning McQueen is chasing turns around to say, "Mac? I ain't no Mac, I'm a Peterbilt!" then we have to pause so we can get the 'Peterbilt, Peterbilt...Mama ran off with a trucker' silliness out of our systems.

Americana fun....

 sylvan\_eve

May 6 2008, 19:05:03 UTC    COLLAPSE

There's a pub in Cambridge, MA (tiny, not danceable), called The Toad. Years ago before i got married (and killed the social life), we'd get together at The Toad and listen to all the musicians side projects. We heard some great Americana there. I totally got a kick out of these guys:

[http://hi-n-dry.com/family\\_jewels/](http://hi-n-dry.com/family_jewels/)

I love how The Toad used to book its acts- the bands were odd, but excellent.

 sylvan\_eve

May 6 2008, 19:11:50 UTC    COLLAPSE

<http://www.toadcambridge.com/>

oh, yeah. bartender's voice on the site is worth it....

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